



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable Joyce L. Connery
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
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Dear Madam Chairman:

In response to your February 8 letter, I would like to inform you of the Department's intent to revise the Implementation Plan (IP) for Board Recommendation 2014-1, *Emergency Preparedness and Response*. Since we issued the Department of Energy (DOE) IP in April 2015, we have gained a more accurate understanding of the time and resources needed to effectively achieve the necessary coordination to accomplish specific IP commitments. We have therefore concluded that it will take longer than originally estimated to complete the milestones and provide the deliverables called for in the IP.

Revision 1 of the IP will clarify some sections based on feedback received from DOE program offices, working group coordination, the enclosure to your February 8 letter, as well as recent discussions with the Board staff. This revision, which will include adjustments to the original completion dates, will ensure successful execution and completion of the IP. The IP revision will not change the approach outlined in the current IP or delay on-going efforts to continue improving DOE's Emergency Preparedness and Response.

We believe that the IP, Revision 1, will more effectively and efficiently achieve the objectives of Recommendation 2014-1, and we will continue to work closely with your staff throughout this process. We expect our revision to the IP to be completed by June 30, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact me or Ms. Deborah A Wilber, Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations, at (202) 586-9892.

Sincerely,

Ernest J. Moniz

